

## Senate body votes loan for NYC

WASHINGTON, June 15 (R). — The U.S. Senate Banking Committee today voted 15-0 to authorize up to \$1.5 billion in federal loan guarantees for financially ailing New York City. But the panel did not finalize all provisions of the guarantee bill, including conditions that may have to be met before the guarantees can be approved. The committee was to meet again later today to try to complete the bill, proposed earlier this year by the Carter administration and passed by the House of Representatives last week. The House version of the measure called for \$2 billion in guarantees as originally proposed by the administration to help save the city from bankruptcy.

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## Spanish King visits Peking today

TEHRAN, June 15 (R). — Spain hopes to sign a trade agreement with China during a visit by King Juan Carlos to Peking starting tomorrow. Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja Aguirre said here today. He said the agreement would be the framework for relations between Spain and China, which established formal ties in 1973. Madrid now wanted deeper contacts with Peking, he said. Mr. Oreja told a press conference that if there was any Soviet displeasure over King Juan Carlos' visit to China -- his first to a communist country since he was crowned in November 1975 -- it had not been expressed on the diplomatic level.

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## Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor are married in ceremony at Zahran Palace



Following the Royal wedding ceremony on Thursday, Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor are joined at the receiving line by Mr. and Mrs. Najeeb Halaby.



During the wedding ceremony Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor clapping hands watched by (from left to right) Crown Prince Hassan; Chief Justice Ibrahim Qattar and Prince Mohammad.



AMMAN, June 15 (Agencies). — His Majesty King Hussein and Miss Noor Halaby were married here this afternoon and Miss Halaby was proclaimed Queen, according to a statement from the Royal Hashemite Court. Following is the full text of the official announcement as carried by the Jordan News Agency.

"The Royal Hashemite Court has great pleasure in announcing to the beloved Jordanian people that His Majesty King Hussein and Miss Noor Halaby, the daughter of Mr. Najeeb Halaby, were married at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, the 15th of June, 1978 at Zahran Palace.

"The marriage ceremony of His Majesty King Hussein and the Moslem Miss Halaby was conducted by the Islamic chief justice in the presence of Their Royal Highness Prince Mohammad and Prince Hassan, members of the Hashemite Family, Mr. Najeeb Halaby and members of the Halaby family, the prime minister, the president of the Upper House, the president of the National Consultative Council, the chief of the Royal Hashemite Court, the minister of the Royal Hashemite Court and the commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

"Following the wedding ceremony, Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor received senior members of the government, army and diplomatic corps and their wives who presented their congratulations and expressed their best wishes for the happiness and prosperity of Their Majesties hoping that this happy occasion will usher in a prosperous and blessed beginning for Jordan and its people."

The 26-year-old bride, looking radiant in a simple white silk Dior wedding dress, signed her new name of Noor Al Hussein (Light of Hussein) in Arabic on the marriage contract.

She seemed poised and confident throughout the four-minute ceremony, which consisted of signing the contract and the couple reciting the marriage vows as set out in the Quran.

The bride, with a band of woven white flowers holding her hair in place, held a string of white orchids while a long, white veil trailed behind her.

Afterwards, the couple went out to pose for photographs, both smiling and the bride had to hold her veil as a light breeze pulled it under her feet.

The couple then went on to cut a one-metre high seven-tier cake in the gardens of the sandstone Zahran Palace where the ceremony took place.

The bride wore white diamond earrings and a diamond bracelet and smiled broadly. She was the only woman at the marriage ceremony.

Apart from the bride's father, also present were Their Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Prince Mohammad.

The wife of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Grace, was present at the reception; she is an old friend of the bride's mother.

After the signing of the marriage contract the couple clasped each other's right hands and later the two princes kissed their new sister-in-law lightly on each cheek, and said "mabrouk".

When the couple came out for photographs an army band struck up "Colonel Bogey".

The bride joins a select band of American women who have married royalty. The others include Grace Kelly who married Prince Rainier of Monaco and Hope Cooke who married the ruler of Sikkim.

## PLO man in Kuwait shot dead

KUWAIT, June 15 (Agencies). — Mr. Ali Yasin, considered to be a "moderate" representative of the Palestinian movement, was shot dead in Kuwait today and the Fatah commando organisation, of which he was a member, accused the rulers of Iraq of responsibility for the killing.

Fatah, the largest guerrilla group within the Palestine Liberation Organisation, said in a statement: "There was no immediate clue as to the motives of the murderers who are protected by the intelligence services of Iraq."

Mr. Yasin's body was found five bullet holes in the head.

Before he worked for several years as a journalist for Kuwaiti Radio in Beirut that the assassination had been carried out by agents of the mur-

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# Scenes from the royal wedding

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## Troubles north and south

The events in Lebanon during the past week do not lend much weight to the old argument that, with time, everything works itself out in fine Phoenician form. Rather, it would probably be more accurate to say that with time everything in Lebanon will end up with a bullet through its heart. The latest act of savagery that resulted in the death of Tony Franjeh and his family and supporters would be enough to turn any country into one big state of emergency. But in Lebanon, one's sensibilities have been so shocked during the past three years that it becomes almost impossible for any single act of madness to stand out from the general madness that reigns there.

The fact that Israel's occupation army has withdrawn from the south and turned over its positions to the rag-tag forces of Major Haddad, while events in the north of Lebanon are so disquieting, is a bad sign, but another bad sign among the enormity of Lebanon's difficulties seems somehow, and sadly, unimportant.

The general lack of security that prevails throughout all of Lebanon is a fact of life in the current circumstances, and it is unrealistic to expect any major political developments while there is no central authority in the country capable of enforcing a minimal degree of security. That job is partly done by the Lebanese army, the Arab peace-keepers, the U.N. peace-keepers and the various factional armies under the command of Lebanese politicians. They are all collectively a sign of Lebanon's spirited lawlessness, and they all dramatize that no combination of foreign peace-makers can make peace as well as an indigenous Lebanese army under the control of a Lebanese leadership that has the kind of real authority that stems only from legitimacy. That legitimate authority is still lacking, and the purely domestic tragedy of northern Lebanon this week is probably more a cause of this than a symptom.



The wedding cake, a seven-tier fruitcake with the initials H. and N. at its crest, stands on a decorated table in the garden of Zahran Palace.



His Majesty King Hussein signs the marriage document Thursday at the Zahran Palace ceremony. To his left are Her Majesty Queen Noor, His Highness Prince Mohammad and the bride's father Najeeb Halaby. To his right is Chief Justice Ibrahim Qattan.



A member of the Royal Cavalry Guard stands at attention.



Her Majesty Queen Noor signs the marriage document.



The King and Queen pose for members of the press.



King Hussein holds the golden sword with which he is about to cut the wedding cake.



## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Commenting on the fighting which broke out in north Lebanon between supporters of ex-President Suleiman Franjeh and the Phalangist Party, in which Franjeh lost his son and several dozen people were killed on both sides, AL RA'I Thursday noted that the fighting broke out in the north just as the Israeli forces were pulling out from the south.

The newspaper asks whether a new Lebanon could arise from the ashes of such vendettas. It says the state should assert its authority in the north through the Arab League Deterrent Force as it is trying to assert itself in the south through the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon; otherwise, the massacres will continue into which the National Liberal Party might be dragged as well.

Al Ra'i thinks that the arrival of the Arab Deterrent Force on the scene of clashes came in the nick of time to contain a plot to divide Lebanon into communal mini-states and to impose order and security. Therefore, the newspaper says, the legitimate Lebanese authority has to think seriously about allowing the deterrent force to be deployed in areas from which it has hitherto been kept out, such as the Maronite areas in the north, "before it is too late."

## NOTICE TO OUR READERS

The Jordan Times has started publishing a weekly rundown of events and activities taking place in Jordan. The section is called Jordan Weekly Calendar and will appear each Friday for a look at the week ahead.

We invite all clubs, societies, cultural centres and schools to inform us of their activities, exhibitions, meetings and outings that are open to the public. Help us help you to publicise your public events: charity bazaars, school open days, concerts, art, photo or commercial exhibitions, theatrical performances, films, lectures and sporting events.

Be sure to inform us of your activities in plenty of time for these items to be published in the weekly listing.

The Jordan Times will also continue to publish daily notices of events under the WHAT'S GOING ON section each day as well as the weekly listing. Please write to us at P.O. Box 6710, telephone 67171 or call in at our offices on the Amman-Sweileh road.

AL RA'I

# Jordan Weekly Calendar

(Week of June 16-June 22)

**EXHIBITS**

CONTINUING: "Britain and the World of Islam" is the title of an exhibition based on the World of Islam Festival which was held in Britain in 1976. The exhibition includes pictures, photographs, posters, records and films, plus an exhibition of over 400 British books on the Middle East. British Council. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 4:00 to 6:00 pm. daily except Sunday. Till June 24.

TUESDAY, June 19: Photo exhibit on the occasion of the USSR Youth Day. Soviet Cultural Centre. 6:30 p.m.

**FILMS**

TUESDAY, June 20: "Britain and the World of Islam" films. British Council garden. 8:15 p.m. daily for three days.

TUESDAY, June 20: Russian ballet film festival opens today with "The Legend of the Hunch-backed Horse." Soviet Cultural Centre. 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, June 22: "Spartacus". Second film in the Russian ballet film festival. Soviet Cultural Centre. 6:30 p.m.

**LECTURE**

THURSDAY, June 22: "Archaeological Sites to Explore This Summer in Jordan," by Dr. James A. Sauer of the American Center of Oriental Research. Includes slide presentation, slide presentation. American Community School, Multi-purpose Room.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

FRIDAY, June 16: A folk music programme performed by the Haya Arts Centre Children's Chorus of Ruseifa. Haya Arts Centre Public Park. 4:30 p.m. Open invitation.



A selection of drums featured in the World of Islam Festival in Britain in 1976: double maqra from Rabat, Morocco; square duff from Fez, Morocco; three defi or tambourines from Damascus, Syria; a large dafa with rings to jingle, inlaid all over the front; a khanun drum, Tehran, Iran; an agouj, tall goblet drum from Fez, Morocco; and six examples of the tarjas used by children in Fez, Morocco.

## National News Roundup



Hannah Odeh, President of the National Planning Council (right) and the Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (left) sign a cooperation agreement at the National Planning Council Thursday.

Iran, North Korea sign detailed cooperation agreement

AMMAN, June 15 (JNA). — Jordan and the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) signed here today an agreement providing for cooperation in science, education, literature, art, public health, social education, sports and games, the exchange of publications, radio and television programmes and the exchange of visits in this respect within a cultural programme lasting one to two years. The agreement was signed by the president of the National Planning Council and the ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea in Amman.

On the happy occasion of the marriage of His Majesty King Hussein to Miss Noor Halaby, The American Women of Amman extend congratulations and best wishes to the Royal Couple and the Jordanian family.

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## Short list formed of eight consultant firms to conduct Hijaz Railway feasibility study

By Ian Kellas  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, June 15 — The names of the eight consultant firms short listed for the contract to carry out a feasibility study of "one of the biggest projects in the Middle East" -- the reconstruction of the ancient Hijaz Railway, were disclosed today to the Jordan Times.

Mr. Hashem Taher, Under Secretary at the Ministry of Transport, said that the Supreme Commission of the Hijaz Railway, had given approval during its meeting at the beginning of this week in Damascus to the following short list of mainly joint venture companies chosen from among 21 applicants:

-- Transmark, Rendel Palmer and Tritton; Mott, Hay and Anderson (a joint venture of British firms).

-- Sotecni (of Italy); the Economic Intelligence Unit (of the U.K.).

-- Freeman Fox Int. Ltd. (U.K.); Henderson Hughes and Busby (U.K.); Praca (of Pakistan).

-- Tippette, Abbott, McCarthy and Stratton (TAMS), Canadian Pacific; Tecsalt Int. Ltd. (Canada).

-- Canac Consults Ltd. (Canada).

-- Sofrera, Sogelerg SGTR (France); Parsons Brinckerhoff Center Int. Ltd. (of the U.S.).

-- Delew Carter Int. Inc. (U.S.); Louis Berger Int. Inc. (U.S.); Rites (India).

-- German Consult; Swindell Dressler Int. Co. (U.S.).

(The list is in no special order.)

These companies will now be asked to submit financial bids and the technical details of how they propose to conduct a feasibility study for the 1,300



The Supreme Commission of the Hijaz Railway is seen in joint session in Damascus with the Technical Committee of the project Mr. Ali Al Suheimat, Minister of Transport (right in light suit) is seated between Mr. Hashem Taher, Under-secretary at the Ministry of Transport and the Saudi Arabian delegation. The Syrian team is on the left.

km. standard-gauge line from Damascus to Medina. These offers must be in no later than Sept. 23.

The Technical Committee of the railway will then select the most favourable bid at its meeting in Riyadh, scheduled for the second half of October and this decision will be submitted for approval to the Supreme Commission of the Hijaz Railway, which is composed of the Jordanian and Syrian ministers of transport and the Saudi Arabian minister of communications.

Mr. Taher said that the contract would be signed before

the end of the year. The successful company then has 13 months in which to draw up its feasibility report.

Taher said that these issues were unlikely to be raised until the consultants for the feasibility report have been chosen.

He added however that he was sure that "all sides are now serious" about going ahead with the project.

## LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

**Budgets for trade centres abroad discussed at meet**

AMMAN, June 15 (JNA). — The Board of Administration of Jordanian trade centres abroad today held a meeting at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce during which the 1977 and the 1978 budgets were discussed.

Minister of Industry and Commerce Hashem Dabbas said that the meeting reviewed the table of distribution of the sum of JD 1,750,000 for the Baghdad centre and the sum of \$2 million for the Cairo centre.

The commercial protocol signed between Jordan and Sudan last Sunday was also reviewed along with the sum allocated for the Khartoum centre and which totalled \$1,500,000.

**Jordanian fils Buying/Selling**

	U.S. dollar	310.00/312.00
U.K. sterling	569.00/573.00	
W. German mark	148.70/149.60	
Swiss franc	163.70/164.70	
French franc	67.50/67.90	
Italian lire (for every 100)	36.10/36.30	
Japanese yen (for every 100)	143.00/143.90	
Dutch guilder	138.60/139.40	
Belgian franc (for every ten)	95.00/95.60	
Swedish crown	67.10/67.50	

**Amman Stock Exchange Report**

NAME OF COMPANY	Par value	Volume traded	Last buying offer	Last selling offer	Closing price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5.000	1,700	—	6.850	6.800
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1.000	1,548	2.200	2.300	2.250
Housing Bank	JD 1.000	115	1.150	1.200	1.150
Jordan - Gulf Bank	JD 1.000	1,690	—	1.800	1.800
Arab Aluminum Co.	JD 1.000	712	0.950	1.000	0.950
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1.000	433	2.400	2.500	2.450
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1.000	67	—	—	1.350
Jordan Spinning and Weaving Co.	JD 1.000	595	0.850	0.950	0.850
Garage Owners Federation Office Co.	JD 1.000	1,404	4.500	—	4.500
Livestock & Poultry Co.	JD 3.000	525	—	—	2.750

Total volume traded, Thursday, June 15 ..... JD 8,789

Total number of shares traded ..... 4,627

\* 50 per cent of share capital paid.

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**JORDAN TELEVISION**

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16:00 Quran	16:15 Cartoons	16:30 News for children	16:45 Green Forces	16:45 Religious programme	05:00 News
11:05 Teleshows	11:30 Encyclopaedia	12:00 News	12:30 Religious programme	12:30 Religious programme	05:00 News
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# Jordan Meteorological Department updates techniques to improve forecasts

By Alan Martiny  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, June 15 — The Jordan Meteorological Department has a forecasting accuracy of about 80 to 85 per cent, according to the department's Director General, A. I. Abandah.

In a recent interview Mr. Abandah told the Jordan Times that one of the difficulties in accurate reporting in Amman is the vast diversity in conditions in the area from the airport to Shmeisani.

"In the brief weather report given each day we have to give an accurate forecast for the entire Amman area. But weather conditions on Jabal Amman can differ widely from Shmeisani," he noted.

An example of the diversity in weather is one day when 550 ml. of rain fell at the university while only 200 ml. fell at the airport.

On occasion people have criticised the weather station for reporting scattered showers in Amman when none appeared in their area. "But we would have to make a forecast for every valley and mountain to be totally accurate," Mr. Abandah said.

A good proverb for weather forecasters, Mr. Abandah said is:

If you hit nobody remembers,  
If you miss nobody forgives.  
Nevertheless, the Jordan weather department has a standard of forecasting equal to that of most of Europe, he said.

Jordan's weather station was started as a division attached to the Civil Aviation Department at Jerusalem airport in 1952 and Amman airport in 1954. The weather station was then engaged in forecasting weather for aeronautical purposes.

It became an independent department in 1963 attached to the Ministry of Transport. In June 1967 the Jerusalem station fell under Israeli control.

The department developed rather quickly from its initial small team to about 260 employees at present.

The department at the moment has one main synoptic station, one upper air station, eight agrometeorological stations and 30 climatological stations.

Financing comes from the government and all workers are government employees.

## Main services

The main function of the weather department is weather observation, forecasting and documentation for civil and military aviation. There are three forecasting offices at Amman airport for civil aviation purposes, one at Mafraq and one at H-5 for military purposes.

A second service the station performs is to study the weather for agricultural purposes. This includes analysing and reporting the effect of the weather and climate upon the planting of crops. The weather department cooperates with the Ministry of Agriculture in this field.

A third function is to supply weather forecasts and warnings to the general public. The station issues a forecast to the newspapers and television once daily and four times daily to the radio. In times of severe weather conditions a warning is issued to the Civil Defence Department.

The fourth service is to give advice and answer inquiries about the weather and climate for engineering construction, town planning, factory planning and tourism. The department also answers personal inquiries. But advising is done on an irregular basis according to the need.

## Staff and brain drain

The department boasts an entirely Jordanian staff. At the beginning the department had foreign World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) experts involved in the operation to help raise the standard to that required by the WMO. But since then the department has maintained the operation on its own.

The WMO is an international organisation which links weather stations around the world and maintains world standards by requiring a relatively high standard for membership.

For training new recruits the department has a training centre located in the main station at the airport. High school graduates are eligible to train as weather observers and university graduates for weather forecasters according to WMO standards.

A six-month training programme is required for all new personnel to become weather observers. However, a weather observer must conclude a further nine months of training to qualify as a forecaster.

Asked if the department encountered any major problems, Mr. Abandah noted that staffing was the biggest problem.

"It is difficult to find people willing to work in remote stations."

Another problem has been the increasing brain drain of workers leaving the department to take jobs either inside or outside Jordan. This has had a very drastic effect on the department. People have left from all areas of the work; forecasters, observers and technicians.

As a matter of fact the former director general left and is now the project manager for WMO in North Yemen.

"The department has been a big exporter of qualified staff over the past few years. Many of the weather bureau staff in Kuwait are former employees," Mr. Abandah said.

According to his record, 24 forecasters and 24 technical assistants trained here and are now in the Gulf.

Another problem facing the department is the extended period it takes to become a forecaster. A forecaster needs at least three years. Once graduated from a university, it is necessary to take a six-month course to become an observer and another nine-month course to become forecaster followed by a period of on-the-job training. This is not attractive to many people.

At the moment the department has a team of 20 forecasters all with degrees in physics and mathematics.

The department is now working on plans to train foreigners in forecasting. North Yemen has expressed interest in having seven of its people take the nine-month course.

The training centre last month graduated 17 students as weather observers.

## Instrumentation

The weather station acquires its information from four types of instruments: traditional, mechanical, electrical and telecommunications equipment.

The traditional and mechanical equipment includes the thermograph for recording temperature, the anemograph



This equipment is used for receiving satellite photos of cloud formations.

for recording wind velocity, the hygrometer for recording humidity and the barometer for measuring air pressure.

Electrical equipment is also used for measuring temperature, wind velocity, humidity and air pressure. Remote electrical sensors are used in measuring visibility and cloud base.

The standard of equipment used in Jordan is almost the same as that in any developed or developing country apart from those using computers in forecasting. But Mr. Abandah noted that there is a chance the department might be able to get a modest computer.

Computer forecasting however is only 50 to 80 per cent accurate while forecasting by an experienced man can be up to 85 or 90 per cent accurate.

"The standard of forecasting depends on the qualifications and experience of the forecaster. Computer forecasting is less accurate than human forecasting," Mr. Abandah said.

The best forecaster is someone who has experience in a particular area for a long time who knows the idiosyncrasies of the region. The computer can only be as accurate and effective as the forecaster who uses it and the quality of the information it is fed.

## Jordan's weather

In general there is a big fluctuation in the amount of rainfall from year to year. But in the last ten years the amount of rainfall has been decreasing, with the exception of 1973 which was well above normal.

Mr. Abandah said the density of weather stations in Jordan is sufficient for the WMO requirement. Each year the number and quality of stations



A Videocom satellite photo depicting cloud formations over the Middle East. The U.S. NOAA 5 satellite now in operation circles the earth every one hour and 56 minutes transmitting nine photos of this region daily. Each photo covers 2,500 square kms. The Sinai Peninsula can be seen in the centre with Africa on the bottom left.

The average annual rainfall in Jordan is 300 ml. But the average can fluctuate from 120 ml. in a bad year to 460 ml. in a good year.

The temperature in the last ten years has also been decreasing although it had been increasing after the 1940's.

Mr. Abandah attributes the temperature increase after the 1940's to an increase of carbon dioxide in the air due to the increased burning of fuels.

The temperature decrease in this decade he attributes to the increase of aerosols in the air.

The meteorological department has one air pollution station in Shobak. Air pollution, Mr. Abandah says, is not a re-

al problem in Jordan, in general, except in Amman where at certain periods during the winter the combined effect of the heating cars, small factories and big factories such as the cement factory, phosphate factory and the refinery raise the pollution level.

The pollution level is especially high in the valleys in Amman where the smokes accumulate with a higher concentration.

Mr. Abandah believes the level of pollution is bound to increase with the increase in industrialisation.

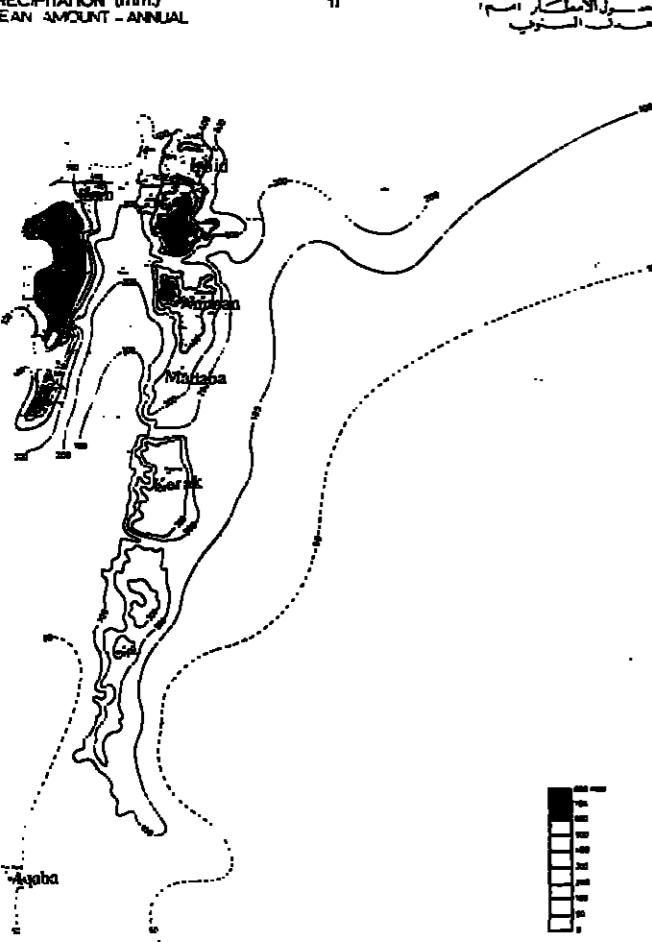
In his three years at the Meteorological Department Mr. Abandah has developed a for-



Mr. Abandah takes a reading on the device for measuring rainfall.

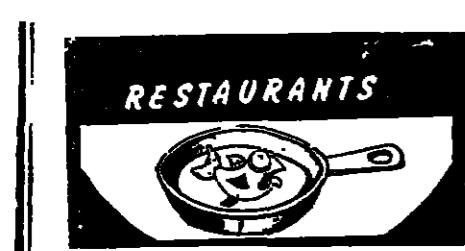
Technicians maintain the telecommunications system.

PRECIPITATION (mm)  
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Map showing mean annual rainfall from Irbid to Aqaba, including part of the West Bank and the eastern deserts of Jordan.

## JORDAN MARKETPLACE



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**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** A good time to coordinate your efforts better with those with whom you have special projects and make important decisions. You have the vital energy and determination to put such plans across so that they work in the future.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Talk over mutual affairs with associates and then follow through with the work that has to be done by you. A better understanding with loved one is possible now.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 18)** Take care of chores so you have more free time with partners. Come to a better understanding with co-workers also.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Make social plans for later and then get busy at the tasks ahead of you. Be more cooperative with fellow workers. Show more thoughtfulness for loved one.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** Handle matters at home diplomatically and wisely. Early evening is best for recreation with close friends.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21)** Study bills, statements for accuracy. Handle family affairs intelligently. Make sure the basic structure of your life is on a more firm basis.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** A good time to handle financial affairs now that you are thinking clearly. Get ideas across to others well also. Spend some time visiting with good friends.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Plan early how to gain your personal aims and then get into business dealings wisely. Take health treatments you may need.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Study what you don't understand so that later it's full speed ahead with your work. Find a new way to please mate, loved one.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Put that plan to work that will bring your personal aims closer. Try to assist a good friend who is having trouble. Get all the facts first.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Get backing you need from a bigwig. Show you are receptive to what others have to say. Make the most of this information.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Get the information you need so that you get a new ingenious interest started. Plan that trip you have in mind before you start your work.

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## World Football Cup

# New favourite Holland defeats Austria 5-1

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, June 15 (AP). — It's goals that win the World Soccer Cup. Johnny Rep of Holland, Dirceu of Brazil and Mario Kempes of Argentina each scored two as the second round started and the hopes of their teams went sky-high. Holland scored five against Austria, and suddenly became the new favourite. Goals can lift a team's spirits like champagne.

"Holland is the team to beat," said Enzo Bearzot, coach of Italy, one of the Dutch squad's most serious rivals.

"It gives a team a big psychological advantage to win by a big margin as Holland did today," said Claudio Coutinho, manager of Brazil.

On the other hand West Germany, the defending champions, appeared pleased to hold the highly rated Italian team to a 0-0 draw. It was the Germans' third scoreless tie in four games since the tournament started -- and coach Helmut Schoen went out of his way to deny it was part of a plan.

"Our strategy is not purely defensive," Schoen said. "We very much wanted to win. It would be false to claim that we set out to defend."

### Venezuela has oil reserves for 100 years

CARACAS, Venezuela June 15 (AP) — The head of the state oil monopoly said yesterday that Venezuela has enough proven and potential reserves to continue producing 2.2 million barrels a day for 100 years.

Rafael Alfonso Ravard, President of Petroleos de Venezuela, told a convention of businessmen proven reserves of 18 billion barrels could be increased to 30 billion barrels in the country's trad-

itional fields, which have been producing since the turn of the century. New areas under development offer a potential conservatively estimated at 30 billion barrels, he added.

The minister stressed that this estimate of proven and potential reserves of around 60 billion barrels did not include the Orinoco oil belt. The belt, which runs along the northern bank of the Orinoco River in southeastern Venezuela,

is believed to hold a potential of close to 70 billion barrels of recoverable, tarlike oil.

He said oil operations in Venezuela, in state hands since 1976, face increasingly greater costs. He cited world inflation, deeper drilling, offshore exploration and development of technologies to produce and process heavy crudes.

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling . . . . .	1.8299/8304	U.S. dollars
One dollar . . . . .	2.0958/68	West German marks
2.2440/50	Dutch guilders	
1.9025/40	Swiss francs	
32.89/91	Belgian francs	
4.5980/6000	French francs	
860.25/75	Italian lire	
216.05/25	Japanese yen	
4.6280/85	Swedish kronas	
5.4100/10	Norwegian kronas	
5.6700/15	Danish kronas	

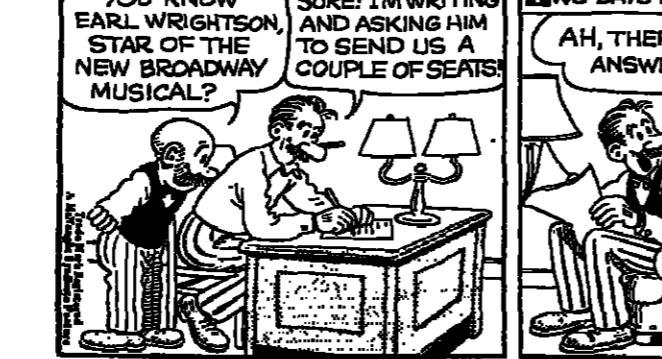
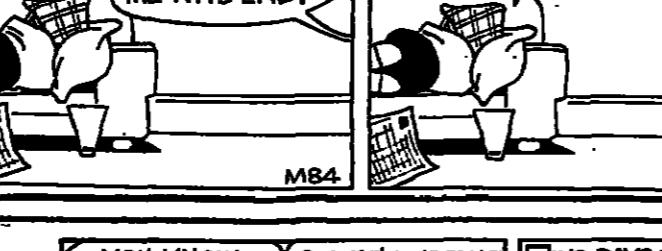
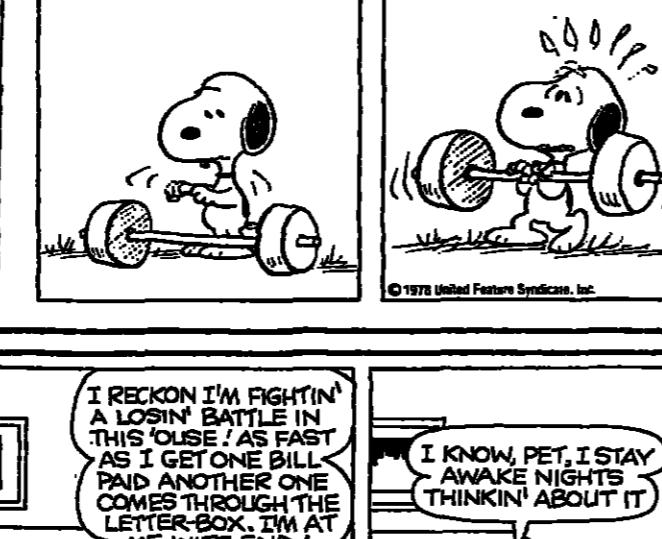
### London Market Report

Government bonds firmed Thursday and equities were lower in quiet trading, dealers said.

Government bonds were on balance as much as 1/8 point higher following the latest U.K. money supply figures, though prices started to firm after the Bank of England announced it was reducing temporarily the rate of call for special deposits from all banks, they added.

Gold shares held steady at the lower levels while U.S. Canadian and Australian issues eased. Banks closed between 2p and 6p lower, and oils generally eased.

Price of gold closed in London Thursday at \$182.60/oz.



## Arab oil company will invest up to \$40 million in two NYC areas

NEW YORK, June 15 (AP) — The New York City areas of Harlem and the South Bronx share a high unemployment rate that has attracted the attention of an Arab oil company that says it needs workers.

Prudential International Commodities, Inc., based in Beirut, Lebanon, said yesterday it was here looking for workers for construction projects in the Middle East and also hoped to start new business ventures in the United States.

The company announced at a news conference in Harlem that it would invest up to \$40 million in new businesses in Harlem and the South Bronx, areas populated mostly by Blacks and Puerto Ricans.

Prudential's pair for Brazil were also impressive. The first was a free-kick, blasted in from outside the penalty area. The second was from 25 metres.

The teams now have three days of rest before the next games Sunday.

American private and public enterprises.

Sheik Hamzi Bedri, Prudential Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said his company wanted to hire immediately 10,000 to 12,000 skilled and semiskilled laborers, such as carpenters and other construction workers.

They would be hired on a contract basis to work in the Mideast where the manpower does not exist, he said.

He was looking into the possibility of operating food-canning businesses in New York City and establishing "profit-making" housing in the city's poor areas, both through rehabilitation and new construction.

Prudential will contract with CORE -- the Congress of Racial Equality -- and Dennison Management, a community-based development and public relations organization, to operate the Harlem and South Bronx projects.

He described the deal as "strictly business -- not a

political project ... we are absolutely looking for projects to fulfill our needs."

The contract limits the investment to \$40 million, but has no timetable. The new projects probably will start in a few months, he said.

Mr. Innis said Black communities in the city have sought foreign investment "after years of frustration with our own (U.S.) private and governmental institutions."

Mr. Innis said proposed businesses here included a cannery "to produce items for export to the Middle East, a factory to produce construction materials, also for Middle Eastern markets, and a housing rehabilitation project."

He said, "petro-dollars, free of the hesitation and strings of American private capital and the red tape of public funds, will be a stimulus to Harlem development and the effects will be felt throughout the Black economy."

## Three-day anti-pollution conference is attended by 22 Mediterranean cities

RIMINI, Italy, June 15 (AP) — Delegates and Experts from 22 seaside Mediterranean cities opened a three-day conference here yesterday to discuss anti-pollution plans to prevent "handing over to the next generation a sea turned into a sewer," as a report said.

The statement was part of an opening paper read by Jean Guyot, the French Secretary General of the Rimini-based "Union of Mediterranean Cities." It was the

third conference organised by the union and was attended by more than 500 delegates and experts from the 18 countries sharing the Mediterranean coastline.

The conference's main aim is to work toward a common approach to the anti-pollution fight.

Mr. Guyot said sewage waters discharged into the Mediterranean were estimated to reach a total of

37 billion cubic meters by year 2000 and that an estimated 14 billion dollars would be needed to process all this sewage water.

But he added money remained a major problem with the current economic troubles of most countries and cities in the area slowing down or cutting into allocations for extensive anti-pollution projects.

### THE BETTER HALF



"Maybe she's not really sick, but just pouting because she's found out she was adopted."

### GORED BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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East-West vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♦ Q 52  
♥ 9 6 3  
♦ 8  
♦ K 9 6 2

**WEST**  
♦ J 10 8 6  
♥ 8 7  
♦ Q 6  
♦ A J 9 5 4 2

**SOUTH**  
♦ A  
♥ K 10 2  
♦ K 10 7 3  
♦ Q 10 5

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 Pass 2 ♥ Pass  
4 ♦ Pass Pass Pass  
Opening lead: Jack of ♣.

East, declarer first cashed one high trump, then exited with a low diamond toward dummy.

West realized that if East was allowed to win the first diamond trick, he would have no safe return, so West rose with the queen of diamonds and returned a low spade.

East's king and declarer ruffed. The queen of clubs lost to the ace, and the club continuation was taken by the king. On the queen of spades declarer discarded his remaining club, then he ruffed a club in his hand and a diamond in dummy. He returned to his hand with the king of hearts, to bring about this position:

♦ 5	♦ 9
♦ -	♦ 7
♦ 9	♦ Q
♦ -	♦ AJ
♦ J	♦ -
♦ -	♦ J
♦ K 10	♦ K 10
♦ -	♦ -

The development of the play can be truly fascinating. On this hand declarer reached a three-card end position where East-West held a winner in every suit including the master trump. Yet they could score only one trick!

South's decision to jump to four hearts, not vulnerable, is a slight stretch. However, it is quite likely that a trial bid in a minor suit would have resulted in the same contract.

West led the jack of spades, won by the ace. The declarer, Tom Griffin of New York, who is returning to tournament play after an absence of four years, decided that his best chance was to ruff diamonds in dummy. As a precaution to prevent a heart return from

declarer had already taken eight tricks, and despite the fact that the defenders controlled every suit, they were helpless to prevent him from collecting two more for his contract.

Declarer led a diamond. If West ruffed, declarer would score his trumps separately; if West discarded, declarer would ruff diamonds in dummy and then ruff whichever black-suit West retained.

# Vorster disbanding S. Africa's Department of Information

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, June 15 (R). — South African Prime Minister John Vorster today announced that he was disbanding the government's Information Department, which has been under attack by opposition politicians and press over its secret activities.

Mr. Vorster told parliament that the man at the centre of the controversy, Information Secretary Eschel Rhodie, would retire at the end of the month.

The prime minister's statement follows publication of a Parliamentary committee report criticising Dr. Rhodie for ignoring administrative regulations and for using funds "not in all cases to the best advantage of the state."

The Information Department's overt activities would be taken over by a "bureau for national and international communication," the prime minister said.

Its secret projects would be evaluated by General Hendrik Van Den Berg, head of the Bureau for State Security -- "boss" -- who would decide which should be continued and under which government departments.

The Parliamentary committee investigated the department after a series of allegations in newspapers of misuse of money

and of secret trips overseas by Dr. Rhodie and his brother, Deneys Rhodie, Chief Director of Information until his retirement was announced last month at the height of the press campaign.

Mr. Vorster told Parliament today that Eschel Rhodie's retirement from the top post in the department was at his own request. But he said Dr. Rhodie might be retained on a contract basis to help with the evaluation of the secret projects.

Dr. Rhodie admitted in a public statement last month that his department had been using secret funds to counter propaganda against South Africa.

Soon afterwards Mr. Vorster accepted full responsibility for the allocation of the funds. The prime minister was also angry at the campaign against the department.

The nature of the department's secret dealings has never been officially revealed, th-

ough one allegation in newspapers was that it provided funds for American Congressional lobbyists.

It was also accused of paying for trips for top officials through a private travel agency, contrary to public service regulations, and overpaying publishers.

CARACAS, June 15 (R). — China today expressed its support for efforts by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to counter the exploitation of the Third World by the superpowers.

Mr. Chi Peng Fei, Vice President of the Permanent Committee of the People's National Assembly, told reporters that China supported the use of oil as a weapon by Venezuela and other OPEC members to protest the interests of developing countries.

He said this constituted a pioneering effort by developing countries in their struggle against imperialism and hegemony.

Mr. Chi, who arrived here recently at the head of a Chinese delegation said China was prepared to strengthen relations with Latin American countries on the principles of peaceful coexistence.

Since their arrival here members of the Chinese delegation have been having talks with petroleum officials and visiting oil fields in this South American country, one of the founding members of OPEC.

## Northern Cyprus invites retired persons for a "working holiday"

By Dennis Kiley  
of the Financial Times

LONDON, (F.T.). — Retired experts who still enjoy work are urgently wanted. The northern part of Cyprus controlled by the Turks is so short of qualified and experienced people that the Minister of Industry and Public Enterprises, Mr. Tansel Fikri, is offering extended "working holidays" to active older people who try and fill the gap.

Mr. Fikri, a former university economics lecturer in England, believes that management skills, even if acquired in very different circumstances, can be applied to the problems of his part of the island. "We need people with the sort of skills suitable for operating light industries, general management and financial control and in the tourist industry."

The rewards? Not much pay apparently, but "we could give them an excellent flat in beautiful surroundings, sunshine all year round, and generally good living conditions and the chance to help develop this small nation."

Since 1974

The small nation consists of about 120,000 Turkish Cypriots who have occupied the northern sector of the island since the Turkish army arrived in 1974 after an attempted coup and massacres of civilians. The Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots continue to argue about whose fault it all was, but with the Turkish army holding the line between them at least one thing does seem certain in the divided island -- it will stay divided.

From the point of view of a retired person thinking of spending an extended working holiday in the Turkish sector there is certainly a good range of problems to be tackled, either challenging or frustrating, depending on how one chooses to view them.

For a long time, between 1963 and 1974, the Turkish Cypriots lived in enclaves in the Greek-controlled island where, says Mr. Fikri, "they lost their entrepreneurial ability and other skills and lived as a con-

siderate society," supported by grants from the Turkish mainland.

This means that they lack experience in such things as handling their own essential imports, for example, and there are often shortages of things like motor-car spares, which have to be bought surreptitiously from the Greek side, often at inflated prices.

### Problems

In the field of agriculture, the Turks traditionally owned many vineyards when they lived in the southern part of the island, but when they were displaced to the north they found themselves with citrus orchards instead, and some tobacco as well, requiring entirely different skills which are not acquired overnight.

The rate of inflation has been running between 25 and 30 per cent -- much higher than the Greek side of the island though lower than Turkey. Turkish soldiers are to be seen everywhere. There are said to be about 18,000 of them on the island at present and they are likely to remain as a garrison indefinitely, though probably in declining numbers. They provide quite important revenue and even more important security. After the 11-year experience of being cooped up in enclaves -- "I did not see the sea for six years, except from a mountain-top," said one man -- followed by the massacres of 1974, the Turkish Cypriots are deeply fearful of their former compatriots, the Greek Cypriots.

Some of the problems are very intractable, such as the water shortage which is urgent now and could become desperate. Basically, the island uses more water than it receives in the form of rain. As fresh water is pumped out of existing aquifers for irrigation, sea water is taking its place -- and thousands of dead citrus trees are the sad evidence.

### Undersea pipeline

There is an ancient legend that a clay water vessel dropped into a stream on the Turkish mainland reappeared in the waters of a spring in the mountains above Kyrenia. In modern form, this dream of water coming from the mainland reappears as a \$200m. project for an undersea pipeline to bring fresh water across to the island. The cost would be enormous, relative to the small Turkish Cypriot economy (GNP for 1977, \$158m.), but the water could also be sold to the Greek islanders. "The development of water resources in Cyprus cuts right across political and community boundaries," wrote U.N.-water supply expert Hugh Dixon in a 1974 report.

The main activity is agriculture and the main crop is citrus.

The Turks are setting up canning factories in the Morphou area where most of the citrus trees are, and exports of fruit juice, fruit segments and similar products are increasing steadily, according to plant managers in Morphou.

The shops are well stocked, but on closer inspection one finds that the vast majority of the imported items are meant for the "shopping tourists" who come over from Turkey to get things like electrical equipment which are subject to import restrictions on the mainland. It earns revenue for the island but is not an unmixed blessing because it also puts money into circulation in an inflationary manner.

It is a symptom of this inflation as well as evidence of a sense of security guaranteed

-- FINANCIAL TIMES NEWS-FEATURES

## 2 more Britons sentenced to public flogging and prison in Saudi Arabia

LONDON, June 15 (R). — Two more Britons have been sentenced to public floggings and prison terms in Saudi Arabia for violating the Muslim country's ban on alcohol, the British Foreign Office said today.

The new sentences disclosed were on two employees of the American firm Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. They were identified as John Pearson in his late 20s, sentenced to two years in jail and 200 strokes, and Paddy Walsh, in his late 50s, to 18 months and 150 strokes of the cane.

The two who returned today, Nigel Maidment, 27, and Brian Cooper, 35, worked for a British firm on a contract to build an airport in the town of Ha'il.

Mr. Maidment and Mr. Cooper each received 70 strokes with a cane and jail sentences of

six months.

Mr. Cooper said at Heathrow Airport here that he and his colleagues were both fit and well but made no other public comment on arrival.

He said the embassy was working closely with the two men to see whether an appeal should be made.

The official said there are five other Britons awaiting trial in Saudi Arabia on similar alcohol charges.

The British government has protested to Saudi Arabia about the floggings.

The Foreign Office said the two men were sentenced on June 4 and were visited by a British embassy official in London two days later.

He said the embassy was considering whether an appeal should be made.

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## Carter asking for an end to U.S. arms embargo on Turkey

He said continuing the embargo was not contributing to a settlement of the Cyprus dispute between Turkey and Greece, a goal Congress had in mind in ordering it.

Instead, he said, the embargo had harmed U.S. security interests and damaged the cohesion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

## JUMBLE

THAT SCRABLED WORD GAME

by Henn Arnold and Bob Lee

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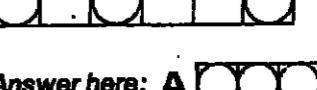
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Yesterday's Jumbles: LOUSY APRON BANGLE ANKLET

Answer: What the man who drank too much wine became -- "PORT-LY"

## THE Daily Crossword

by Alfio Micci

ACROSS	33 Celebes ox	53 Jabber	26 Gangland group
1 Coffee	34 Overflow	55 Popular maxim	27 Win by
5 Not wide-spread	35 Psyche section	60 A Gardner	28 Bakery items
10 Open a little	36 Child's game	61 Mountain crest	29 Garden pest
14 Fish sauce	40 Tract of land: abbr.	62 Rhythmic cheer	30 Angled parapet works
15 Got up	41 Romeo's rival	63 Feeling	31 Go-between
16 Zola title	42 Before bag or book	64 West	32 Far from
17 Autism	43 Loser to DDE	65 Eastern Point	34 Denude
21 Convened	44 Gittering: abbr.	66 Canal	35 Drug
22 They: Fr. spouses	45 Meager	67 Pointers	36 Weather forecast
23 Former	47 Moist	68	39 "Moby Dick" man
24 Quaker pronoun	48 Restrain	69	45 Dusk
26 Sufferer for a cause	49 Erroneous in summer	70	46 Gang
29 Saharan Lacking experience	52 White-tailed bird	71	47 Pass
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		73 Tree	49 Eldest son of Noah
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		76	52 out (made last by economy)
		77	53 French river
		78	54 King of the Huns
		79	55 Soccer great
		80	56 Apple, for short
		81	57 Constellation
		82	58 Affirmative

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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